

COLLEGE REPORT

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Participants in the Community Conference on Environmental Problems and Urban Design and Beautification held on the campus of the California State College, Dominguez Hills, agreed that communication and its various aspects demand greater effort by all interested citizens. Many believe that a lack of communication exists between people and their government on all levels, from local commission to the federal congress. Additionally, there is a need for improved communication.

tion between the various units of government on all levels and also between government, public, and industry. Industry must be brought into city planning more actively and directly than it has been heretofore, and the needs of both industry and the public considered with mutual understanding.

Community conferences in which the public, industry, and representative of government discuss common problems, such as this one at Dominguez Hills, are a step toward effective communication.

THE PRINCIPAL concern of the group was to identify specific environmental prob-

lems and to suggest solutions for these problems. Responses varied widely, but common interest in the following matters can be identified:

- Race relations. This social situation affects decisions in all other areas. The conference participants suggested the following:

1. Starting in the primary grades, teach people that they must learn to live together.
2. Foster voluntary associations to deal with the problem on the local level, as is being attempted in Inglewood.
3. Approach questions of housing and employment on economic and educational terms rather than racial.

In considering urban renewal of an area, consider the interests and needs of the residents of that area. When people are displaced in order to build new freeway, civic centers, or commercial malls, or because their dwelling places are hazardous to health, attempts should be made to help them find new residences within their income and inclinations.

Locating a public institution such as a college or a service center in a depressed area may help uplift it, but not if that institution isolates itself from the community.

• Green Space. Presently a need exists for open space in both residential and industrial areas. Green space is valuable for recreational, aesthetic, and social purposes. Face-to-face contacts, with opportunities to develop friendships and social relationships, help give a community a sense of identity. Communities should insist that open space be included in all residential developments, particularly multiple units.

• Underground Utilities. Usually, it is expensive to install public utilities underground. However, the advantages of underground utilities include:

1. the aesthetic value.
 2. civil defense uses.
 3. prevention of damages which can be caused directly by overhead utilities.
 4. long-term economy.
- Zoning. Every city can zone in order to attract industry, or reduce taxes, or gain some advantage over other cities in a region. But multiplicity of zoning laws passed by individual localities for supposed immediate advantage may in the long run harm both the individual cities and the region as a whole. More than anything else, zoning practices determine the structure and nature of the localities in which we live. The public must be made more aware of this reality. Zoning ordinances should be as uniform as possible and designed not only to provide the "good life" for today's citizens, but with future environments in mind. Occasionally a city will enact unnecessary and illogical zoning restrictions in order to gain larger sales tax revenues. Perhaps this situation could be avoided if tax revenues were spread over an entire region to eliminate competition between cities.

Freeways and rapid transit. Conference participants believe that problems of freeways and rapid transit are linked and that transportation is essentially a regional concern. It generally was agreed that citizens should be more critical and skeptical about freeway construction than they have in the past. When a freeway is proposed, we should ask: Is the freeway necessary? What will be its effect upon the communities? For example:

1. a freeway should be designed to beautify an area by its location, structuring, and landscaping;
2. a freeway, if possible, should serve as a cohesive force rather than a divisive force;
3. a freeway should be built so that it breaks up traffic congestion in the communities it serves;
4. parking places or other identifiable public facilities should be constructed adjacent to a freeway.

It was suggested that the public had not indicated widespread enthusiasm for rapid transit. The convenience of driving one's own car apparently reduces interest in a transit system. Yet public transportation offers obvious solutions to smog, accidents, and policing. Because such a system has never proved self-supporting, it would have to be subsidized on a regional basis. Furthermore, leadership should be organized to provide a focal point for the demand for rapid transit.

• Billboards. Many conference participants expressed a feeling of opposition to billboards adjacent to roadways. Nevertheless, they are aware that the billboard industry is fighting for its existence and has the ability to apply great political pressure. New methods of regulating billboards might be devised on both regional and local levels; for example, a community might charge a fee for this kind of advertising.

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Inspectors for the County's Air Pollution Control District issued 140 complaints against offending industries during December, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported today.

Hahn has asked for strict enforcement of smog laws to keep the Los Angeles basin air as clear as possible.

He also has sought stronger legislation to require the automobile industry to assume its rightful obligation to the public health and eliminate air pollution from automobile exhausts.

In other December action by the Air Pollution Control District Enforcement Division, 137 offenders pleaded guilty in court, one was acquitted, and 23 cases were dismissed.

A total of 2,080 in fines was paid, bringing the six-month total through Dec. 31 for fiscal 1967-68 to \$17,460.

Unattended \$1,000 Banjo Disappears

A \$1,000 long-neck banjo disappeared early Sunday morning from a Torrance service station after its owner accidentally drove off and left it at the station.

Charles S. Joslyn, a 63-year-old San Pedro musician, told Torrance police that he had set the banjo case down near his car while he rearranged other articles in the vehicle. When he arrived home at 1:40 a.m., Joslyn realized his mistake and returned to the service station at 166th Street and Crenshaw Blvd.

The instrument was gone.